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SUBJECT: WOLFF AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN AID BILL

REF: BANGKOK 8795

1. HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE
JUNE 21 (ONLY FREYLINGHUYSEN IDENTIFIED AS OPPOSING)
WOLFF AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN AID BILL

2. TEXT OF AMENDMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE. PAGE 4, IMMEDIATELY AFTER LINE 6, INSERT
THE FOLLOWING:

SEC. 6. SECTION 620 OF CHAPTER I OF PART III OF THE
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS
AGAINST FURNISHING ASSISTANCE, IS AMENDED BY ADDING AT THE
END THEREOF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTION:

"(X) NO ASSISTANCE SHALL BE FURNISHED UNDER THIS ACT
(OTHER THAN CHAPTER 8 OF PART I, RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL
NARCOTICS CONTROL), AND NO SALES SHALL BE MADE UNDER THE
FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT OR UNDER TITLE I OF THE AGRI-
CULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954, TO
THAILAND. THIS RESTRICTION MAY BE WAIVED WHEN THE
PRESIDENT DETERMINES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND HAS
TAKEN ADEQUATE STEPS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF CHAPTER
8 OF PART I OF THIS ACT, RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC
CONTROL."

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AND RENUMBER THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY. END
QUOTE.

3. EFFECT OF AMENDMENT, AS WE UNDERSTAND COMMITTEE
MEMBERS VIEW IT, IS TO REQUIRE EXPLICIT ACTION BY PRESI-
DENT: UNDER PRESENTLY EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION
PRESIDENT IS ALREADY AUTHORIZED TO CUT OFF AID TO
COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE FAILED TO TAKE ADEQUATE STEPS TO
PREVENT NARCOTICS FROM BEING SOLD TO USG PERSONNEL OR
FROM ENTERING THE US ILLEGALLY; WOLFF AMENDMENT MERELY
REQUIRES PRESIDENT TO MAKE SPECIFIC DETERMINATION IN CASE
OF THAILAND THAT ITS GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN "ADEQUATE
STEPS" FOR PURPOSES OF ACT.

4. TENTATIVE PLAN IS NOT RPT NOT TO MAKE ALL-OUT FIGHT
ON FLOOR OF HOUSE TO REMOVE AMENDMENT, WHICH MIGHT BE
UNSUCCESSFUL. BECAUSE OF OVERWHELMING CONCERN IN US
ABOUT DRUG ISSUE, MANY CONGRESSMEN WILL BE RELUCTANT TO
GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSING ANY MEASURE APPARENTLY FAVORING
STRICTER ANTI-NARCOTICS MEASURES. NO SIMILAR AMENDMENT
HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN SENATE, AND IF WOLFF AMENDMENT
SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY HOUSE, ADMINISTRATION WILL SEEK TO
ELIMINATE IT IN CONFERENCE. ROGERS

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